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SUBJECT: WHO INFANT FORMULA CODE
REFERENCE: GENEVA 1807

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REPORT OF MISSION DISCUSSIONS WITH NESTLE OFFICIAL REGARDING CODE. SOME OF US INFANT FORMULA INDUSTRY HAVE GIVEN US SOMEWHAT CONFLICTING VIEW OF POSITIONS TAKEN AT ICIFI BANGKOK MEETING. REFTEL REPORTS THAT NESTLE VIEW, AND "INDUSTRY CONSENSUS" THROUGH ICIFI, IS THAT THERE IS LITTLE MERIT IN EITHER CONTESTING THE EXISTENCE OF THE CODE OR IN TRYING TO CHANGE ITS TEXT. BUT US INDUSTRY, WHILE NOT CONSISTENT FROM CONVERSATION TO CONVERSATION, SUGGESTS TO US THAT ICIFI IS OPPOSED TO THE CODE. FURTHER, US INDUSTRY ITSELF SAYS THAT IT IS MOVING TO A CONSOLIDATED POSITION TO URGE THE USG TO VOTE AGAINST THE CODE, EVEN IF THE USG STANDS ALONE IN THE VOTE.

2. SO THAT WE HAVE A BETTER FIX ON WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY POSITON IS ON THE CODE, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT MISSION COULD OBTAIN FROM NESTLE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON WHICH COMPANIES FROM WHICH COUNTRIES TOOK WHICH POSITIONS ON THE

CODE? DID ICIFI PASS A RESOLUTION? IS THERE ANY DOCUMENTATION OR REPORT OF THE MEETING THAT MIGHT BE PROVIDED US? MIGHT ICIFI SYG FLACHE BE INFORMATIVE ON THIS? HAIG

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